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EDITORIAL

As a result of negotiations begun in the early part of 1915 word has recently been received by officers of the Wilson Club that this organization has been accepted as one of the scientific societies in affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The value and significance of this relation will be appreciated by all of our members. When meetings of the American Association occur within the territory of the Wilson Club it will be well for us to endeavor to hold our meeting in conjunction with them. The advantage at such a time and place was shown to those who attended the Columbus meeting last December. From one to two thousand scientific men coming together affords an inspiration and stimulus of the greatest value.

The editor will leave Oberlin on June 15 with a class of students for the purpose of studying the northern half of the coast of the state of Washington. He will return about the first of Septem-

ber. Mail should be addressed to the Oberlin office during this time, and will receive attention there.

Several May lists of birds arrived too late to be included among those which appear in this number. They will be published in the September number. These lists give evidence that there was an unusual warbler movement in the central districts during the first half of May.

We are pleased to notice that the University of Michigan will conduct a Biological Station at Douglas Lake, some seventeen miles south of the Straits of Mackinac, during the eight weeks from July 3 to August 25, inclusive. The work will cover the Natural History of the region. Dr. Reuben Myron Strong, of the University of Mississippi, will have charge of Ornithology. Dr. Otto Charles Glaser, of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is the Director. The Station is fully equipped for the work which it undertakes, and will prove unusually attractive to those who wish to acquaint themselves with the living things in their natural environment.

We know all too little about the food and food habits of birds, less even about the food and feeding habits of nestlings, and still less about the percentage of mortality of nests, eggs, and adults during the season of nesting. These are problems which can be best worked out in the late spring and summer seasons. Every season should witness progress along these lines. We hope that this season may be more than usually fruitful of facts gathered.